GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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SECURITY AT JAMMU AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government have been drawn to the news item captioned `Jammu Hawai Adde Par Bhi ParyaptSuraksha Vyavastha Nahi` appearing in `Navbharat Times` dated December 28, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reacation of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the said news item it has been alleged that due to lax security arrangements at Jammu there is a possibility that some unauthorised persons may be able to enter the airport in connivance with tour operators and local officials.

(c) Security arrangements at all airports including Jammu airport are constantly reviewed at different levels. After the recent incident of hijacking, following measures have been taken to beef up of security arrangements at the airports :

i)Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel in place of State Police for security duties at the operational airports in a phased manner. The CISF has already taken over the security duties at Patna, Jaipur, Guwahati, Vadodara and Port Blair airports.

ii)Frisking of passengers and hand baggage at the time of entry into sterile area has been tightened. Ladder point secondary frisking has been introduced.

iii)Strict control on access to the airports is being ensured by comprehensive review of photo-identity cards to restrict the number of pass holders and banning of entry of the visitors upto 31.3.2000.

iv)Deployment of sky marshals on flights at random basis as an added safety precaution.

v)Raising of the perimeter wall to the prescribed height at all the operational airports.

vi)Replacement of old X-Ray machines and installation of new colour X-Ray machines wherever necessary so as to ensure that at least 2 X-Ray machines are available at every point.

vii)Modernisation and upgradation of security related technological set up of the airports is being done in a phased manner.